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Order 2001-3-28 Served: April 3, 2001



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation on the 29th day of March, 2001

Applications of

SERVICIOS AEREOS PROFESIONALES, INC.

Dockets OST-00-6978-/5 and OST-00-6979-/4

for certificates to engage in interstate and foreign scheduled air transportation under 49 U.S.C. 41102

ORDER DISMISSING APPLICATIONS

On February 24, 2000, Servicios Aereos Profesionales, Inc. (SAP) filed applications in Dockets OST-00-6978 and 00-6979 requesting certificates pursuant to section 41102 to allow it to engage in interstate and foreign scheduled passenger operations using small aircraft primarily between points in the U.S. and points in the Caribbean.

By Order 2000-7-15, served July 14, 2000, the Department proposed to deny the applications at issue and to cancel the air taxi authority held by the applicant as the company did not appear to meet the U.S. citizenship requirements of 49 U.S.C. 40102. SAP filed an answer to the show cause order and, after review of this answer, by letter dated September 14, 2000, the Department notified SAP that we did not intend to finalize the tentative findings and conclusions made in Order 2000-7-15 with respect to its citizenship. Rather, we stated that we would proceed with our review of the company's fitness to conduct the interstate and foreign scheduled operations for which it was seeking certificate authority and, in order to do so, requested that SAP provide additional information within 21 days of our letter (that is, by October 5, 2000).

SAP requested and was granted several extensions of time in which to file the information requested and, on January 31, 2001, the applicant submitted its response. After reviewing the information submitted, we determined that additional and/or clarifying information was still needed in order for us to determine SAP's fitness. As a result, by letter dated March 6, 2001, we requested that SAP provide additional information within 21 days (that is, by March 27, 2001).

On March 26, 2001, SAP withdrew its applications.

In light of the above, we have decided to dismiss SAP's applications in Dockets OST-00-6978 and 00-6979 without prejudice to the company's refiling its applications at some future time when it is ready to prosecute its requests to completion.

ACCORDINGLY, Acting under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR 385.12:

- 1. We dismiss, without prejudice, the applications filed in Dockets OST-00-6978 and 00-6979 by Servicios Aereos Profesionales, Inc.¹
- 2. We will serve a copy of this order on the persons listed in Attachment A.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.30, may file their petitions within 10 days of the service date of this order.

This order shall be effective and become the final action of the Department of Transportation upon the expiration of the above period unless within such period a petition for review is filed or the Department gives notice that it will review this order on its own motion.

By:

Randall D. Bennett
Director
Office of Aviation Analysis

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Our dismissal of SAP's certificate applications has no impact on the company's ability to continue its air taxi operations under Part 298.

Attachment A

Service List for Servicios Aereos Profesionales, Inc.

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